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# Harvest

## STUDENT COOP

### GREAT NEWS AT MAC THIS YEAR

by Bruno de Serres

A group of ambitious and talented students have decided Macdonald needed something new, something every other University has, something everyone dreams of, a co-op.

After long hours and harsh negotiations, the three founding members pulled through and a small student cooperative was born. But a lot still needs to be done and we need you!

If you would like to get involved in something else than your

books but only have a couple of hours to spare, come and see us at Harrison House, we will be happy to fill you in on the job. The co-op is still small, but we are working hard to make sure it will still be there next year, and the year after, and...

As for all of you people who do not wish to work with us, the co-op is there for you too! If you need a computer, diskets, paper - we've got it, and if we don't we can get it at the best prices on Campus.

So come and see us soon, we'll be waiting for you!!!

COME AND CHECK  
OUT THE BARGAINS!

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AFTER WANDERING  
AROUND THE DARK GARAGE  
FOR SEVERAL MINUTES, DAN  
HAD APPARENTLY FOUND THE  
RAKE.

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# ADVICE TO ALL!

## ADVICE TO ALL

by Dan Slander

Dear Dan,

Everytime my mother visits me, we get into fights. She criticizes my friends, the way I dress, the way I eat; everything. I cry for hours after she leaves. What should I do?

Going mental

Dear Mental,

I would like to advise you but you left out the most important detail: "Does she give you any money?". If she pays for school and food

and stuff, suffer until you graduate. If not, get rid of the old lady A.S.A.P.

Dear Mr Slander,

I live in Laird Hall and sleep in my own room, by myself, every night. Is anything wrong with me?

Waiting for the wedding

Dear Prude,

Yes, but you got to me just in time. Firstly, don't reveal this gruesome fact to anyone, you would probably get kicked out of Laird Hall for lack of residence life spirit.

I am still finding it hard to believe that anyone who lives in "Laird Hall" can be in your position, or lack of. There's still time, but act now. Send your Box number for a list of experts I have come across in this field.

Dear Dan,

I have an embarrassing itch, in a place where I can't scratch in public. My mother says that if I carry on scratching it, my finger will get stuck up there. What should I do.

Ivan Itchynose

Dear Ivan,

Use your pen because you can always buy a new one if it gets stuck.

Dear Dan Slander,

I think love and commitment are the key to a happy life, don't you?

Happy

Dear Sappy,

Wake up and smell the coffee, baby!

If you need any advice, please drop off your letters at H.H.

## DEAR Ms. BOULAY

by R. B. Buckland  
Dean, Faculty of Agriculture

Dear Ms. Boulay,

I was pleased to read your letter in the December 1986 issue of "The Harvest", particularly as I hope it will stimulate further debate regarding the future of our agricultural production sector. I certainly agree with you that the recent REAP conference was a success. The organizers are to be congratulated and I and everyone I have spoken to was impressed and proud of the quality of the conference.

You go on in your letter to ask when Dr. Stuart Hill's course "Issues in Alternative Agriculture" will be approved. It has been approved for some time and is being offered this semester (Course #330-250B).

I agree with the overall theme of your letter that the approaches required to ensure the success of our agricultural production sector are changing. In my view, there are two reasons for these changes. Over the past

decade there has been a swing of the pendulum, if you will, towards over-capitalization. This, combined with the steadying, and in some cases declining, commodity prices has led to a crisis situation in many areas of the agricultural production sector.

There are at least two broad initiatives that must be taken to ensure the success of our agricultural production sector. The first is that the sector must examine methods of reducing input costs and thus reducing production costs at the farm gate. Secondly, the concept of a cheap food policy must be challenged. This must include a move away from subsidies at the national and international level. Such action cannot be taken without causing hardship for some members of the production sector, in the short term, but it is necessary if we are to ensure the long-term viability of our production sector.

In your letter, I believe you are critical of the leadership role that McGill's Faculty of Agriculture at Macdonald College has been playing

regarding the development of a rational approach to the problems faced by the producing sector, not only with respect to the difficult economic times the producer faces, but also to the protection of our environment. If this is your thesis, I must disagree with it. Neither space nor time will permit me to touch on all teaching and research programs in the Faculty of Agriculture but I would like to highlight a few areas which I believe relate most directly to some of your personal concerns.

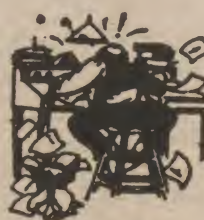
With respect to the interface between production agriculture and the environment, we at Macdonald have long been concerned about this. Historically, I will only go back to the

1960's when the importance of this area was recognized by then Dean, Dr. George Dion. He employed Faculty members to assist in the establishment of teaching and research programs in Environmental Sciences. This approach has been continued since that time. Our Department of Renewable Resources is now at the forefront in both teaching and research, in relation to the interface between agriculture and the protection of our environment in the areas of soil and water conservation, wildlife management and woodlot management.

In the Department of Plant Science, we have had a long history of concern and awareness of

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# EDITORIAL

## Normalization, or the easy way out

by Francois Blain

Have you ever come out of a final exam believing that you would get a "D" for the course only to find out, a month or so later, that you got a "B"? "Impossible!", you say... "my midterm marks were fairly low and I had a tough time in the final, I can't possibly get a "B". But, of course, you're not going to argue with your teacher; it's his/her mistake after all, right?...

Wrong! His/her mistake wasn't giving you a "B" for the course; the mistake was to give exams which were too difficult or too long for the students, and then find out at the end of the term that the class average is too low and that there are too many failures. In our standardized society, "abnormally" low (or high) class averages do not look particularly good, especially if they

occur year after year; so, it's quite convenient to have a way to adjust class averages to a more "normal" level. This was the rationale behind the introduction of the normal curve.

What this means folks is that your term grades do not mean as much as your position in relation to the class average. So, even if your average is 50%, as long as the class average is lower, you're laughing!

But wait, that's not all! The above is a case of what can be called "term normalization" which, although being a serious problem, looks ridiculously unimportant when compared to what I call "instantaneous normalization"

What is instantaneous normalization? First, I have to admit that I've only seen it in one course at MAC, so it's not a widespread problem, although some friends of mine have observed it in another

course (given by the same teacher). The principle behind instantaneous normalization is quite simple; here's an example: mark all of your midterms and then calculate the class average. If the class average doesn't satisfy you, mark the midterms again, upgrading or downgrading everyone, so that you get the average you want. This'll lick your problem faster than you can say docimology.

Docimology? Let's have a test: how many people out there know what docimology is? How many people couldn't care less? Docimology is the science which studies exams and tests and how to create and mark them. This science will suggest, for example, to keep statistics on your questions so that you know how many people answer them properly or fail them. This can help you in the following years to arrange questions which together, should total to a decent average. And

the longer you keep the stats, the more accurate it gets. By using this method, you can create yourself a question "bank" and stay away from normalization. But of course that's a fair bit of work!

After reading this, you probably realize that I'm against normalization. Well, I'm not the only one, as there are Math students at Universite de Montreal who are currently signing a petition to get rid of the normal curve and all its implications. With everyone being so eager to upgrade the "quality" of education these days, it seems more important to me to start by getting rid of concepts like the normal curve than by filling out mid and end of term course evaluation sheets, the impact of which I have serious doubts about.

After all, if they can normalize class grades, it's only a small step before they start normalizing course evaluation results!

## LETTERS TO ~~THAT IDIOT~~

*The Editor*

by Christene Rafuse  
Greenhouse Technician

I would like to comment on the article "Rain on the scarecrow, Snow on the chrysanthemums" in the last issue of the "HARVEST". In that article, you talked about our "old and dismal" greenhouses and complained about problems with ventilation systems, the amount of money spent on the new barn and the new greenhouses facilities at Laval.

Dealing with these one at a time, <sup>most of</sup> the money for the new Animal Science facilities came

from industry and private donations, not the university. If some company deemed to invest four million in the Plant Science department (the approximate amount of the new barns), I am certain our facilities would become more hi-tech. As it is, the university itself has little money for expansion. Animal Science people can also justifiably argue the priority for their new facilities, having inhabited barns dating from the early 1900's. Whereas our oldest greenhouses nowhere approach that antiquity.

Our "old and dismal"

greenhouses are not all old. New sections were built in 1982 to supplement the existing ones. At the time of the move in 1979, when the Mac-Stewart building was opened, it was felt the Biology greenhouses (torn down last year) would still be used and new ones not needed. As the difficulties the arrangement posed became obvious (two widely separated complexes, one on John Abbott territory), money was nastily scraped together to build a new wing. It is a tribute to the ingenuity of Physical Plant and the Plant Science department that

we did build nine sections for about \$250 000.

The comment on ventilation points to a lack of funds available for routine and normal maintenance. The greenhouse committee is well aware that deficiencies exist, in fact each year a list of necessary jobs is drawn up and each year, most of it is refused because of lack of funds. The university has been financially strapped in recent years. Formally, for example, there were two greenhouse technicians instead of the present one. However, despite the allurements

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# MACTUALITIES

## TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE: A REPORT ON THE BLOOD DRIVE

by S.V.

Congratulations to the members of CFSEA who organized the blood drive this March 4th in the Deep End. The cartoon videos, homemade muffins, juice and yoghurts were enjoyed by all!

A total of 168 pints of blood were collected: 166 pints were from the MAC students, 1 pint was from Jim (micro lab) and 1 pint from our beloved Dean Buckland.

The Red Cross reported that many more students were willing to give blood but they were prevented from doing so due to cold and flues. Is this what happened to

99% of the MAC Staff and professors?

Were they all stricken by something that prevented them from giving blood? Maybe maybe it was the apathy virus! Rumor has it that micro lab students let loose a virus in the Faculty Lounge, thus MAC profs could not-although they really wanted to-give blood. The Dean and Jim were not affected

since reportedly they were not in the Faculty Lounge for some time and thus were not exposed to the mean virus!

In the future it will be standard procedure to put security in the Faculty Lounge to prevent such accidents from happening again!

## COUSINEAU'S REVISITED

by Carole Portelance

One would think that after a year some things would change, that there might be some progress in this country (specifically this province). Well, I'm

sorry to report that this is not the case, i.e., Cousineau's still refuses to serve women in their establishment!

Myself and another women friend decided back on a Friday night in January to enter this establishment and try again. This time, however, the reception was VERY different. We sat ourselves down at a table - took out a twenty dollar bill and set it on the table to make sure the waiter saw it. Much to our dismay, we were ignored by both bartenders, however, they did not try to throw us out. Finally, after approximately 15 minutes, one of them came and told us he couldn't serve us. I, of course, asked why, and, of course, was told that they didn't serve woman.

Since the man was quite civil with us I thought it would be interesting to debate this question with him. For example, I asked him how he could be sure that I was a woman unless I decided to strip off my clothes, then, there would be no doubt (NOT TO WORRY, HOWEVER, I DID NOT RESORT TO THAT LAST TACTIC!!). Also, I argued with him, how could he be sure that I wasn't a very feminine

looking man? He, of course, took all these arguments in good stride and explained that his hands were tied by the law. He also said that eventually, if they could renovate the place and add another wash-room, then they could serve women.

Therefore the bartender (who really turned out to be the owner) was quite polite with us but such was not the case for some of the patrons that were there that evening. The minute we walked in, a group of young men (ages 19 to 21 approx.) started calling us names such as "bitch" and chanting to us (as they pounded their fists on the table) "Get the f\_\_\_ out! Get the f\_\_\_ out!" again and again until we left.

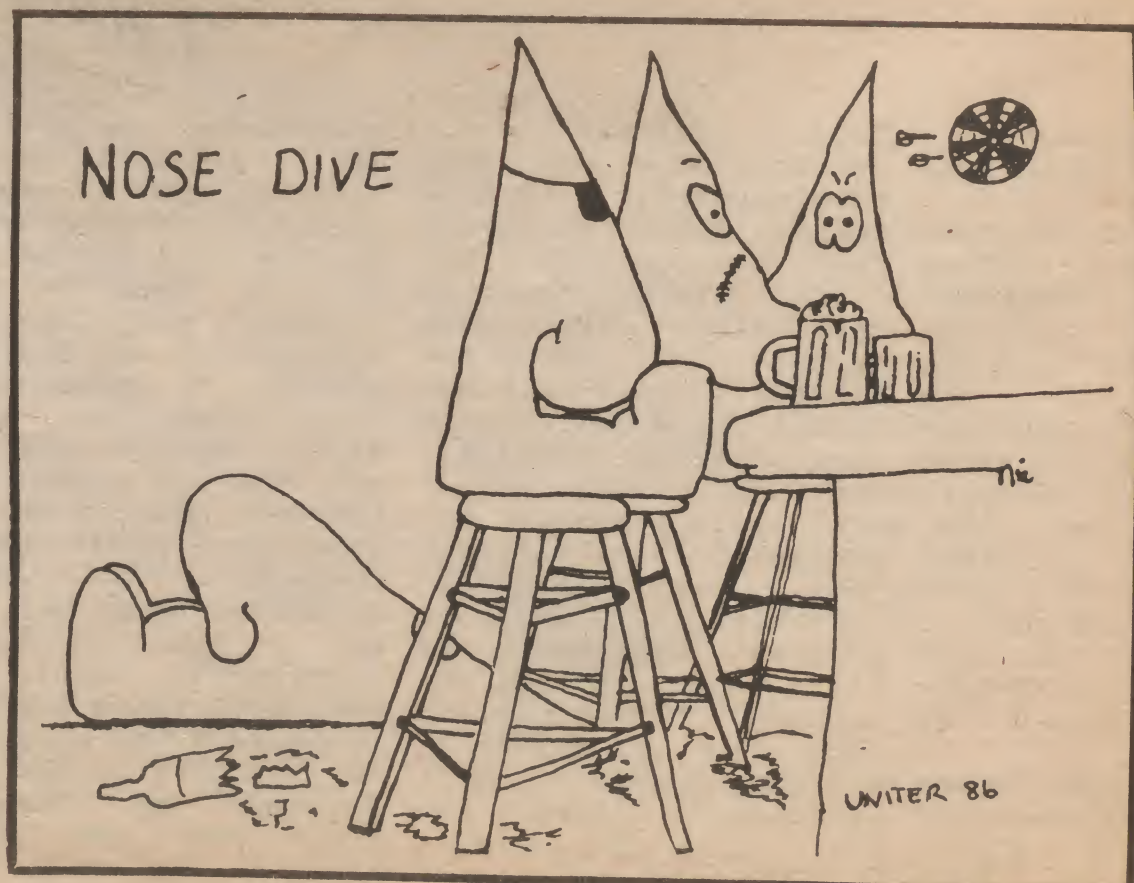
Needless to say, I and my friend were very upset at being called

that "name" and felt totally ostracized the whole time we were there because of the verbal abuse we had been subjected to. How ironic is it then, that the owner of Cousineau's treated us politely (although he couldn't serve us) but that men of a supposedly more 'progressive' younger generation were acting like a bunch of ignorant sub-humans! This last fact does not bode well for our future adult men who supposedly have been influenced by the women's movement and the progressive changes that have issued forth from that movement. In other words, the mothers and fathers of those jerks have supposedly been influenced by the "sixties" and the women's movement of the seventies! What happened? Why didn't all this rub off on

their kids? Why aren't these young men progressively minded and concerned for the equality of women on all aspects?

It is difficult to answer these questions and perhaps there are some progressively minded guys out there who think that we did have as much right to be in Cousineau's that night as anybody else. But what we witnessed that evening did not encourage us, in fact, it is depressing to see that those guys exhibited such despicable behaviour.

Anyway, we sort of got a bit of revenge that night - I asked the owner if he could, would he rather serve us or those jerks who were calling us names and yelling obscenities at us? He answered that he would rather serve us any day!





# CAPTAIN COMPLAIN

by Captain complain

Well fellow Mac'ers, February is finally over and its about time. Many months have been spent in these old buildings, giving one time to reflect on what really bothers one, here at Mac.

Speaking for myself, Captain Complain, alot of things are really starting to annoy the he\_\_ out of me.

First of all, why do people insist on congregating in front of R2-045. Some people are trying to exit/enter. Move it guys!! This means you.

While we're on the subject of students, why do people insist on putting up their hands and disrupting the rest of the class, to utter some intelligent comment like: "Like, is there a hydrogen missing on that compound??", or "I believe you forgot a "P" in hippopotamus!". Thanks bud, but we made it through high school too. Do people speak just to hear themselves talk or what?

And another thing, why are the desktops so small when test papers are so big? - Enlarge desks? Decrease standard paper size? What'll it be folks!?! Before leaving the subject of desktops (or whatever you call them), I would like to note that the elbow space technically belongs to the person at that particular seat. Next time, use your own desktop for an armrest.

Ever wonder why there are three hooks in a locker and two locker partners? Is this to determine rank order? Think about it.

Last, but surely not least, what ever happened to the Ceihlei? (Spell it how you want, it was still a good bar. Nice, big, good) Why did we spend all that money on a new bar (which has only been used about 5 times), when we already had a perfectly good one (once the Abbott students were removed)? Can't under-

stand it, now two bars are going to rot from disuse, meanwhile, the C.C. ballroom will cave in. Some heavyduty big brains must have pulled that one off.

Speaking of off, I P.S. Something bothers- think I'll sign off ing you? Don't know

while some of my dignity still remains. Well, we've discussed the structures and the students, next issue comes The staff!!! C.U.

where to turn? Don't keep it bottled up inside, write to the Captain, and drop it off at H.H. Your comments may be appreciated.

Yours truly,  
Captain Complain

## CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR A DAY!



The National Bank of Canada is launching its second "Chairman of the Board for a day" contest. The contest is open to all Canadian residents between the ages of 15 and 19. The grand prize winner will have the privilege of becoming Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of Canada for a day.

Also be awarded to the contestants ranking second and third in the final. Winners in the regional semi-finals of the oral competitions will receive \$150.

A copy of the contest regulations may be obtained at any National Bank of Canada branch.

Again this year, the contest will be held in three stages and will consist of written and oral competitions. Winners will be chosen by a jury.

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

In the first stage of the contest, participants send a typed essay of a maximum of three (3) pages to their nearest National Bank of Canada branch, explaining: "How do you envision an ideal society and what can today's youth do to help achieve it?" The essays judged the most interesting will be retained and their authors will be invited to meet with the jury for the second stage of the contest: the regional semi-finals of the oral competitions. The regional semi-final winners will then be invited to the Bank's Head Office on June 24 (all expenses paid) to meet with the jury for the final of the oral competitions.

### DESCRIPTION OF PRIZES

In addition to becoming Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of Canada for a day, the grand prize winner of the final in Montreal will receive shares of the National Bank of Canada (worth \$2,000). Prizes of \$1,250 and \$650 will

### CONTEST DATES

The contest opens February 23, 1987 and essays must be received by the Bank before midnight, April 12, 1987. An entry form and birth certificate must be enclosed with the essay for the first (written) stage of the contest.

## ENTRY FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE (BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_ LANGUAGE OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF BRANCH TO WHICH YOU ARE SENDING YOUR ESSAY: \_\_\_\_\_



## NATIONAL BANK OF CANADA



# — AH NON, PAS ENCORE! —

Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Mes biens chers disciples dissipés. Que la paix vous soit fournie, que la neige neige et que la pluie mouille, car Louis Lavue et lui-même ne font qu'un, dans une même entité entière. Je hume la bonne humeur et la joie de givre. Vous aurez sûrement deviné qu'il y a eu un certain changement dans mon attitude trop souvent révolutionnaire et négative. Voyez-vous ma vie entière a changé depuis que j'ai rencontré La Voix une journée de printemps du mois de février. J'étais devenu un client régulier du vendeur de champignons des rues de Montréal quand un jour il m'a demandé comme ça si j'avais pas mal d'argent à cause que j'en achetais souvent de ses champignons pis il trouvait ça drôle que je paye tout le temps avec des billets de cinquante. La conversation a continué son petit bonhomme de chien pis il a finit par découvrir qu'au fond de moi j'étais pas vraiment heureux pis que c'était surtout à cause de mon surplus d'argent. Finalement il m'a donné rendez-vous le soir même avec sa bande de vieux chums, il m'a dit qu'ils se réunissaient chaque soir afin de "partager" qu'il m'a dit.

C'est donc plein d'espoir que je me présentais à leur repère pour apprendre plus tard qu'il s'agissait d'une secte religieuse nommée pour l'occasion L'étang Boueux. Non mais quel nom

évocatif tout de même ! L'étang, ça représente l'étang moderne où il est difficile de vivre et où le mauvais monstre qu'est la richesse tente de nous aveugler et tente de s'accaparer notre âme si pure dans le fond de nos entrailles. Boueux, parce que ce monde qui nous entoure, on s'y laisse caler, on est pris dedans malgré nous, il nous étouffe, nous étrangle pour nous entraîner vers une mort insupportable et combien atroce et souffrante.

L'important dans le fond c'est que le nom laisse suggérer un profond message d'espoir. En plus, afin de nous identifier lorsqu'on est aux prises avec le monde hostile à l'extérieur de notre repère, chaque fois qu'on croise un membre de notre secte, on dit " Poil de nénuphar " en guise de salutation. C'est-tu assez profond ça. Quand tu dis ça, c'est comme si tu libérais ton esprit en même temps, vous essayez ça vous aussi, vous verrez, ça marche à tout coup.

Le Grand Boueux, ça c'est le grand esprit du groupe, c'est lui qui est le plus près du Poil de nénuphar, c'est lui qui commande les séances d'exercices, qui boit de la coupe de Kool-Aid à la rubarbe, pis qui a le seul le droit de se laver les pieds. C'est bien sûr aussi lui qui prend soin de la caisse commune qu'il garde jalousement dans un de ses condominium en Floride.

## Le parfait petit "étang Boueux"

← limites du cosmos  
infini

des cheveux

un esprit pur  
à 100%

un sourire qui  
vaut 1000 mots,  
seren et bucale

un ventre rempli  
de Pop Turt aux cerises

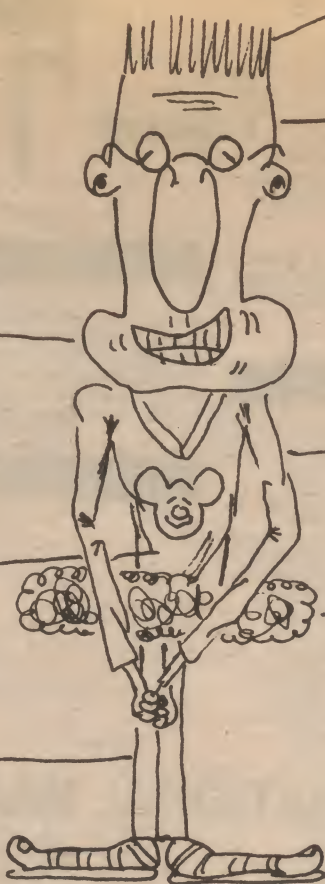
un haut de pyjama  
Mickey Mouse en rabais

un tutu

un pantalon  
sans poche  
pour s'éloigner  
du mauvais  
argent

des sandales

il flotte d'allégresse, allégé du fardeau  
Frseal





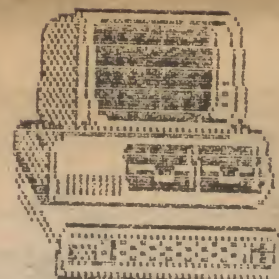
Imaginez un peu quel sacrifice il s'impose en posant cette action, se tacher les mains de ce déchet immonde. De toutes façon, on ne manque de rien à notre commune, vêtus de notre tutu vert nénuphare avec un haut de pyjama de Mickey Mouse, sandales aux pieds on mange nos Pop Tart aux cerises (cette saveur est reconnue pour purifier les esprits) trois fois par jour sauf le dimanche où tout le monde sauf Le Grand Boueux jeûne. C'est aussi le dimanche que la prière sacrée est dite, 456 fois de suite (on a le temps, parce qu'on ne mange pas de la journée, vous voyez comment les choses sont bien faites dans ce monde). D'ailleurs je m'en souviens très bien de la prière :

O Grand Boueux, amène au loin ces richesses  
Laisse tes disciples dans l'allégresse  
Nous sommes l'armée de l'espoir infini  
Qui combat ce monde de pourris  
Poil de nénuphare, Pop Tart aux cerises  
Que les cheveux des chauves frisent  
Comme les dentiers servent à mordre  
Faut se retrouver dans notre désordre  
On se retrouve ici demain  
Il faut remplir le pot de vingts  
Agrandir notre cercle de viscieux  
Du bien habillé jusqu'au pouilleux  
L'important c'est de mourir sans sous  
Comme un vieux chien ben plein de pous  
Etang Boueux de mes beaux jours  
J'ai deux oreilles c'est pour être sourd  
Aide nous à vivre jusqu'à notre mort  
Là où pourriras notre corps

C'est beau hein ? J'veous dis qu'au bout de 456 fois tu commences à la savoir par coeur.

Ca fait juste trois semaines que je me suis joins à cette secte que déjà je vois une grosse différence dans mon esprit plus pure et mon compte en banque plus pauvre. Tout est tellement plus beau. L'autre je me suis fait attaquer dans la rue par des jeunes voyous, ben j'ai eu juste assez de force pour leur courrir après pis les remercier. J'leur ai dit que j'l'ai aimais, pis ils m'ont attaquer de nouveau, le seul regret que j'ai eu c'est que là je n'avais plus de force pour les remercier. Dans des temps difficiles comme aujourd'hui, pis demain aussi car demain est un autre jour se suivent mais ne se ressemblent pas la peau de l'ours sans l'avoir tuer sans casser des oeufs, il est bon de savoir que l'on peut compter sur un organisme à but non-lucratif, pis laisse-moi te dire que c'est pas dure de compter sur nous autre, on est rien que 17. 17 à être prêt à t'accueillir toi, qui que tu sois (on a plusieurs tutus en réserve), pourvu que tu sois, car être, c'est toujours devenir un peu. Viens-t-en compagnon on t'attends, on est tous d'avis que tu es le bienvenue, tu as tout l'avis devant toi, appelle-nous au 1-800-345-7364, un montant de 50\$ sera facturé à votre compte de téléphone, c'est déjà un début à votre délivrance pathético-thérapeute. D'ici là, poil de nénuphare de la part de tous tes amis de l'étang Boueux.

# AGR. ENG. COOP



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# ENTERTAINMENT

Oh no! No So...

by Lisa Callow

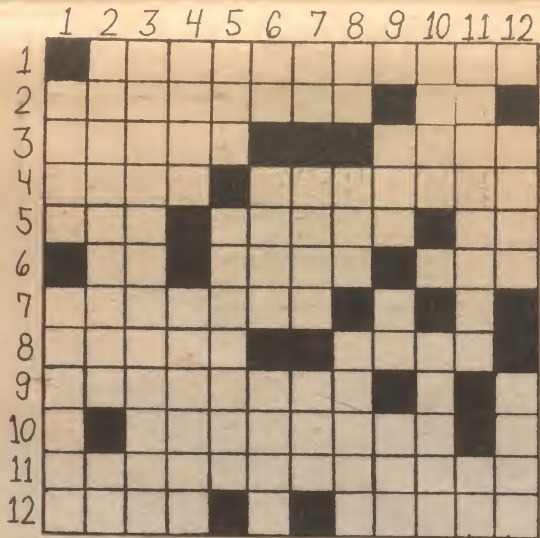
You know how every February comes and goes and you tell yourself you won't watch the Grammys next time around. How last year was such a waste of time, how nobody that you liked won anything, how you should be studying, how you sat there like a moron for three hours plus waiting for the ten second appearance of the only musician you wanted to see. Or even worse to catch their image for a split-second as the camera pans the audience, and they're scratching their head or picking their nose or something. Yes, and last month I watched it again. I didn't purposely sit down and watch it, mind you, but the television was on and somehow I just kept walking by it, you know

how it is. To make matters more frustrating, the Grammys of the last few years have become an excuse to glorify some cause or other, award some famed figure before they kick the bucket or acclaim somebody's comeback wether it be justified or not. Since Band-Aid discreetly and unceremoniously sang to relieve the starving, the Americans in their usual mega-show style, jumped the "band"-wagon and a slew of songs proclaiming poverty, farmer's dilemma, AIDS and whatever else they could think of, have emerged. If someone is nominated alongside one of these songs (wether it be any good or not) they might as well not bother showing up at the Awards. It will be praised in choked voices, given a standing ovation, stars appear with tears in their eyes

and sing their guts out and everyone piles onto the stage to be seen and associated with this wonderful cause. "Oh, by the way which cause are we singing about again?" The credits go up and you say to yourself: "Peter Gabriel didn't win anything? Barbara Streisand won female vocalist of the year for what album? Did Paul Simon win best album because they thought it was genuinely the best or because he used South Africans as backup?" Don't get me wrong, I am not saying that some musicians didn't deserve the awards they received, but it becomes questionable whether they were actually voted best because of their talent or for some other reason. On the other hand, some are definitely not voted on talent but on their appeal to the maudlin middle American general

public, but this is another story. At times like this, think yourself lucky to be Canadian, at least here we get a happy medium of American sentimentality and British/European innovativeness. And by the way, don't bother watching next year, I can tell you right now; Mr. USA himself, Brucie baby, will win everything hands down for a lot of songs we've all heard before. Unless Burt Balderdash writes another song, maybe about Nicaraguans (nah, Reagan wouldn't go for it) or maybe refugees at the Canadian border.. Those Canucks won't admit you We promise we won't deport you The contras will come to help you la la la la... and everyone will cry.

by Francine Poissant



Horizontal

- 1- To find someone guilty. 2- Infertiles.- Abre. of that is. 3- Stayed for a while in one region.- Very organized insects. 4- Once more.- Dollar. 5- Prep.- Where horses are raised.- Prep. 6- Royal Trust.- Music instrument.- To sum up. 7- Atlantic islands 8- Closed skating ring.- To roll. 9- Tube. 10- Climbing. 11- Impoliteness. 12- To circulate.- Nurse.

Vertical

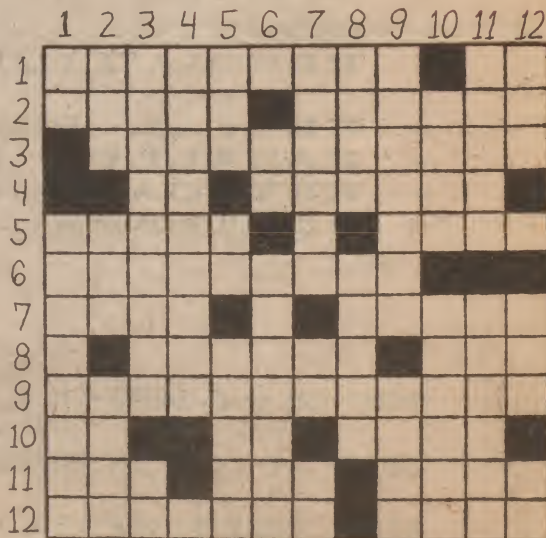
- 1- To hit something or someone.- What we should all do with our important files. 2- Travel plan.- Populer "no". 3- Adverb. 4- Team.- Flower (plu.). 5- To throw out.- Loving adventure. 6- French pronoun.- Sun tanning lotion component.- Humid.- 7- Pronoun.- Greek island.- A measure. 8- Present form of the verb to be.- Playing card.- Locomotion vehicule. 9- After a wood fire.- Negative.- What living creatures are made of. 10- Am not.- Gloss. 11- 4-electrode lamps.- Tin. 12- To mail.- Conv. homey.

Horizontal

- 1- Biscuit au sucre candi de France.- Poss. 2- Têtaré moins une lettre.- Réunion de trois cartes de même valeur à certains jeux de cartes. 3- Craintif, faible, timoré. 4- Abré. de versus.- Aplaniera avec un instrument tranchant. 5- Conspuées.- Alizé. 6- Dont les trois angles sont aigus. 7- Nez.- Chamois des Pyrénées. 8-Plant qui manque de soleil.- 2lie lettre grecque. 9- Nécessaires. 10- Poss.- Note.- Transpiras. 11- Interjection espagnole.- Plante herbacée.- Boîte. 12- Qui contient du nitre.- Située.

Vertical

- 1- Saint.- Ver.- 2- Dynamisme.- Union des Consommateurs Avertis.- Du verbe salir. 3- Appareils à étuver.- Sert à lier 4- Puzzle. 5- Canton suisse.- Poss.- Aulnée. 6- Chiffres romains.- Sorte d'orchidée sans chlorophylle. 7- Allongé.- Mesure chinoise.- Abré. chrétienne. 8- Verbal.- Attachées. 9- Moutardes sauvages.- Décodées. 10- Déchiffrer.- Ecrasé. 11- Mère.- Singe du genre macaque. 12- Bourrique.- Du verbe dire.- C'est-à-dire.

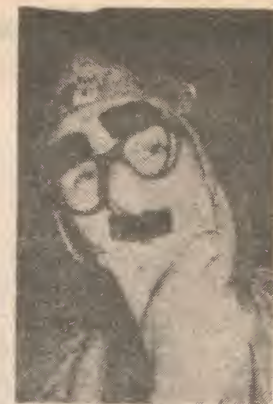






# HARVEY

THE EXTRACURRICULAR



Photos : Patrice Godin  
Script : Harvest team

Thanks to all !

Comedians : Brigitte Laliberté  
Francois Blain  
DENIS Frenette  
Francois Richard

+ all the rest (in peace)

RECAP : IN THE FIRST PART, SADISTIC RAINDOER WAS KIDNAPPING INNOCENT CROSS COUNTRY SKIERS WHY? LET'S SEE IF HARVEY CAN FIND OUT!

WITHOUT LOSING TRACK OF THE SCOUNDREL, I ENTERED THE SECRET HIDEWAY BY THE SECRET ENTRANCE...



THAT HARDY REPORTER WHO'S ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THAT ONCE IN A LIFETIME SCOOP!...

IN ORDER TO SPY ON THAT DISGUSTING SLOB I CAMOUFLAGED MYSELF WISELY...



CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY...



UNFORTUNATELY, THAT POOR REPORTER WASN'T AS QUALIFIED AND GOT CAUGHT BY THAT BARBARIAN CREATURE!...

WELL, WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

A REPORTER!?

YOU WANTED TO TRY THIS NICE LITTLE TOY WELL I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU!

NO, PLEASE DON'T DO IT YOU BEAST!

AH! AH! AH! ANOTHER TERRIFYING WARRIOR READY TO JOIN MY ARMY!!

KILL!

KILL!

KILL!!



YOUR TURN NOW YOU TWO-EYED GIRL!

NO PLEASE, SOMEONE HELP ME!

I WILL HELP YOU, FOR I AM HARVEY THE EXTRACURRICULAR!

LET GO MY NOSE!

YOU LET GO MY CAPE FIRST OR I WON'T!

A FIERCE WAR GOT UNDER WAY AS WE ENERGICALLY TRIED TO KILL EACH OTHER...

IN THE VIOLENT STRUGGLE, THE SICKENING SLIME BALL ACCIDENTLY FELL IN HIS OWN DOOMSDAY MACHINE...

... TO END UP AS ONE OF HIS OWN WARRIORS!

IS THAT REALLY YOU?

NO, IT'S A TALKING TOMATO JUICE CAN YOU IDIOT!



TO BE CONTINUED...



# BON MOT

Extra-crickler  
activities

by Red

This time of year, the air is alive with the coming of Spring, the beginning of new romances and the election of Student Council. Oh God, not another lot of students posturing about, appealing motions, addressing speakers and calling votes on whether they should call votes. Like the House of Commons on Channel 2.

Actually, it's not all that bad, that's just the act they put on for people who come to sit on their meetings, they don't really talk like that at all.

This year will be interesting for the student society (which is what they call you); we have Vince as

president, who's not your typical kind of BMAC, Big Man About Campus; and a few first year students (you have to watch these guys, they can get carried away with being "involved" and all that).

By the way, did you vote? You know what's truly disgraceful, is that concerned students like myself bother writing articles encourage people to vote and there ends up only being one candidate. They get acclaimed (a word I learnt this week) automatically, which means they just say they want to be a representative and bingo, instant election. What a great system! Just imagine Sylvester Stallone wants to be President of the United States and nobody else has the motivation to

run against him, bingo...er, Mr. President, shall I bring the dumbbells to the summit meeting or will the Senate get there by themselves?

Well, we have our new council members so let's accept them and try and make their lives miserable by approaching them with all our good ideas.

Being part of the student government is just one kind of extra-curricular activity; this broad term includes everything from joining your program's association, to writing in the jolly old Harvest, to drinking yourself silly at the St-Patrick's party. One has to realize that this part of your education is just as valuable to you as the hard-core academic stuff. We have all encountered the type

who sits in front of the class, desperately scribbling notes lest he should miss a word, then skulks off back to his room to recopy, review and memorize (the 3 R's of Macdonald). Most of us hate these people, but really you should feel sorry for them, they might have a better average than you but probably have a worse chance at getting through a job interview than someone who has the social skills acquired from being involved in student council or any other organization.

Not only do you need knowledge to get on in this world (and even that is questionable), but you won't get far without initiative, diplomacy, rhetoric, tact and the ability to drink yourself silly...

## ENCORE ET TOUJOURS

by Nicole Lodorat

Je l'ai caché trop longtemps, je dois enfin avouer mon péché... Eh oui! Croyez-le ou non, chers lecteurs, je suis amoureuse de Louis Lavue, alias Pork Chop (quel romantique surnom...)

Son intellect raffiné, sa culture microbiologique hautement pure, ses cellules cérébrales en homéostasie constante et en interaction permanente font de cet être extracarcéral un homo sapiens hors-impair...

J'ai dit péché, mais peut-être devrais-je parler de crime? Car n'est-ce pas un crime que d'aimer d'un amour aussi terrien, simple et pleistocénique un dieu

mac-mythologique tellement angélique issu de la tribu des Bacillus subtilis (traduction: subtiles bacilles). Il n'en tient qu'à vous, mes chers amis de juger si ma conduite cardiaque offense de quelque façon que ce soit cette divinité vénérienne.

A chaque parution de sa bonne nouvelle, je souffre de cryoturbation tellement ses mots réchauffent mon cœur peiné. Epistolier anti-machiavélique, aucune catastrophe ne saura le faire périr. Sa résistance à la foudre, aux raz-de-marrers(sic) aux déluges et même à la solifluction corporelle.

Mon cher Louis, défenseur des droits humains d'une population accablée, c'est à toi

que je m'adresse maintenant.

Tes capacités psychologiques, thérapeutiques et curatives m'ont séduites et me portent à t'exposer le problème existentiel de mon plus cher compagnon.

Il s'appelle Zénobe-Dinu-Philipport, compte de Maurepas (Fern, pour les intimes) et depuis quelques temps, je m'inquiète à son sujet. D'ordinaire glacé, son teint facial devient graduellement mat et ses veinules blanches habituellement proéminentes se fondent dans les sillons maladifs de son épiderme.

Alors qu'autrefois, je n'avais qu'à l'approcher un peu brusquement pour qu'il

vibre et frémissse, mes attentions aujourd'hui ne le font que faner d'avantage... Pourtant, le sol dans lequel je l'ai planté ne manque de rien (je l'ai fait analyser...). Alors, s'il-te-plait aide moi à redonner la santé à mon Dieffen bachia adoré. Je t'en supplie, mon Louis non moins adoré...

En quête de remerciements, je te donnerai un joli bébé McDonald (Miss Piggy, -peut-être?) à moins que tu ne préfères un diner gastronomique à la cafétéria du Centennial Center? Le choix t'appartient...

J'attends tes conseils avec impatience cher eucaryote métamorphique surréaliste et sanskritique.



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the importance of crop rotation and since the 1970's, this department has been a leader in the development of bio-herbicides but also in the development of bio-insecticides. At the undergraduate level, we have a course in Integrated Crop Production and courses in Weed Science, Plant Pathology and Entomology which discuss at some length alternatives to pesticides. Similarly, we are currently examining the desirability of developing a major in integrated pest management.

In response to the concerns of the plant and soil scientists, staff in the Department of Animal Science have been working on the development of cattle rations with a higher forage content so that land management practices which reduce erosion can be maximized by the livestock sector.

In the Department of Agricultural Engineering, both at the undergraduate teaching and research levels, there have long been programs and courses in the areas of approaches to reducing soil compaction, the use of reduced tillage methods and the development of more water-efficient methods of irrigation.

Recently, Dr. Stuart Hill has received funding through the McGill Advancement Program to develop a curriculum proposal, either as a major or a minor, in the area of "Ecological Agriculture". It is my personal view that such a program should have as a major thrust the examination of agricultural production with a minimum of beyond-the-farm-gate costs.

I hope the above examples have addressed some of the concerns that you raised in your letter. I urge you to search out and become involved in those activities in our Faculty which are of particular interest to you. With the ever expanding volume of knowledge, it is impossible to present all material in formal courses. The staff in our Faculty are here to assist you in your learning process and to point you in the right direction. I repeat that they cannot give you all of the technical information in formal programs. If I can be of further assistance to you, with respect to directing you to staff who are knowledgeable in areas of particular interest to you, please do not hesitate to call upon me.



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ALTHOUGH HE DID  
WARN MOOSE ABOUT KICKING  
SAND IN HIS FACE, TED HAD  
TO ADMIT THAT HE DIDN'T  
MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT  
STUFFING A BEACHBALL IN  
HIS MOUTH.

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of Laval (I myself have (and I've probably not seen their missed a few). greenhouses), our houses In conclusion, we are filled to capacity. are well aware of the This term, twelve fact that, indeed, some courses are making use areas of the greenhouse of greenhouse space and need to be improved but research projects are overall, I think we are being done by 6 under- providing very good grads, 15graduate stu- service under the cir- dents and 12 professors cumstances.



# VIEWPOINT

## Agriculture offers good career opportunities

from "Foodstuffs"  
Jan 1987

The employment opportunities in agriculture - including everything from basic crop production and inputs through food processing and distribution - will grow rather than shrink in the next two decades. Agriculture, in a broad sense, will be a good field. Many of the jobs, though, won't be in traditional agriculture, so many people will have to adjust to stay in ag. Numerous publications, including this one, have looked into the prospects for agricultural careers. However, a North Dakota State University agricultural communications report, drawn from interviews with several of the university's administrators and professors, helps focus on the opportunities. Here are some of the points they made:

In the next 10-15 years, an unusually large number of people will retire from positions in agricultural disciplines and high-technology areas of agriculture. These peo-

ple began their careers in agricultural science and education right after World War II. Few replacements are available; they won't be unless more people enter those fields.

Agriculture provides 20% of the U.S. gross national product and 23% of U.S. jobs. According to a 1980 U.S. Department of Agriculture study, 65% of the jobs in agriculture are filled by graduates from agricultural colleges, 22% are filled by others in fields closely related to agriculture, and the remaining 13% are filled by less than qualified individuals or remain vacant.

Demand for new college graduates with agricultural expertise is running at 48 000 annually in the U.S., while the supply is fewer than 44 000, leaving a shortage of about 10%. However, agricultural college enrollment has fallen by 15% in the past four years, and demographic factors indicate that total college enrollment will fall by 25% in the next 10 years.

Positions available for qualified individuals in agricultural manufacturing,

processing, science and engineering exceed the supply by 18%, and the shortage in agricultural administration, management and finance is 30%. Shortages of qualified people in agriculture are increasing, so this is a good time to enter an agricultural field.

Historically, slumps have offered the best opportunities to enter agriculture, said one NDSU economist who reasoned that now may be the best time in many years to enter agriculture.

The university's ag economists should be happy with their choice of careers. The university reported a 93.43% placement rate for ag economics graduates last year. One-fourth of them go into agricultural finance and another fourth go into farming or other production positions. The next big placement area is in agribusiness supply firms. Animal and range science placement demand is as good as ever, and demand will be good to fill teaching and administrative positions as retirements increase.

For people already in agribusiness, the NDSU observations indi-

cate that even though conditions have slipped from a few years ago, agriculture is still a good place to be. For people who already have agricultural backgrounds, agribusiness experience and a drive to keep up with the developments that are aired in university classrooms, the next few years should be promising - in spite of the turmoil that's sure to come with the fast changes in technology and economics.

Some public and private groups are trying to develop alternative agricultural industries. These ranging from alternative crops through value-added processing, can help replace struggling segments of agriculture. Other groups focus more on local or at least domestic processing to bolster agribusiness. Both of these approaches call for new or relocated expertise. Combined with the projections for agricultural college graduates, these efforts should keep competition keen among companies that want to hire capable agricultural specialists.

## NON SEQUITUR by Gerry Turcotte

